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SUBJECT: TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS: NEXT STEPS

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT RAMIREZ TELEPHONED ME EVENING OF APRIL 9. HE ACCEPTED POINTS A AND B OF REFTEL BUT WISHED TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE STATISTICAL STUDY BEFORE COMMITTING HIMSELF ON POINT C. IN DISCUSSING THE STATISTICAL EXPERTS MEETING WE AGREED IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL IF USG COULD SEND OUR TECHNICAL TEAM TO BOGOTA. IN RECONCILING THE STATISTICAL DISCREPANCIES HE REQUESTED THAT WE USE NOT ONLY THE COLOMBIAN EXPORT FIGURES FOR 1974 BUT ALSO FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1975.

RAMIREZ REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY PREPARE A QTE JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT UNQTE FOR HIS APPROVAL AND RELEASE TODAY APRIL 10. END SUMMARY

2. LYE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT TELEPHONED ME LAST EVENING, APRIL 9, TO DISCUSS THE GOC REACTION TO OUR PROPOSAL CONTAINED REFTEL. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE GOC REGARDED OUR PROPOSAL AS A POSITIVE STEP DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE RENEWAL OF THE CONVERSATIONS. RAMIREZ STATED THAT HE ACCEPTED WHOLEHEARTEDLY POINTS A AND B IN PARAGRAPH ONE
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BUT PROPOSED WE AWAIT OUTCOME OF STATISTICAL TEAMS DISCUSSIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING ON TO POINT C. HE ADDED, HOWEVER,

THAT UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION TO RESUME THE DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA AS HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL AND IT WAS VITAL FOR HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY CONVERSATIONS.

3. RETURNING TO THE QUESTION OF THE MEETING OF THE STATISTICAL TEAMS, WE DISCUSSED THE VUEPARATIONS INVOLVED AND AGREED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE EFFICIENT IF THE US TEAM COULD TRAVEL TO BOGOTA RATHER THAN THE GOC TEAM TRAVELLING TO WASHINGTON. RAMIREZ SAID IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE STATISTICS EXAMINED BE NOT ONLY FOR 1974 BUT ALSO INCLUDE THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 75. HE ADDED THAT HE LOOKED UPON THE MEETING OF THE STATISTICAL TEAMS AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GOC TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE US ON THE DIFFERENT CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA.

4. RAMIREZ ASKED THAT I REPORT TO WASHINGTON HIS PLEASURE AT THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE PROPOSAL BY THE USG AND THAT WITH REGARD TO THE TIMING OF THE JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT HE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY. HE REQUESTED THAT I SEND TO HIM TODAY, APRIL 10, A PROPOSED JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT. HE SAID THE STATEMENT SHOULD BE BRIEF AND SIMPLE, BASICALLY DOING LITTLE MORE THAN ANNOUNCING THAT THE TALKS WOULD RESUME IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND INCLUDING THE
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PLANNED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL TEAMS.
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